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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Makoto TSURUTA
Entitled PNEUMATIC TIRES
Assignee: BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION
Our Reference: Q62661

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto for filing is the application identified above including twenty-two (22) sheets of the specification, including nine (9) claims and an Abstract, five (5) sheets of drawings, an executed Assignment and Form PTO-1595, and an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed are an Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 and one (1) reference.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

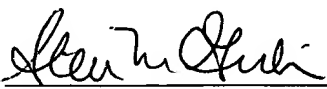
Total claims	9 - 20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	1 - 3	=		x	\$80.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee							\$710.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee							\$270.00
TOTAL FILING FEE							\$980.00
Assignment Recordation Fee							\$40.00
TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED							\$1,020.00

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$980.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge any difference or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 that may be required during the entire pendency of the application to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is also attached.

Priority is claimed from February 7, 2000 based on Japanese Application No. 2000-29056. The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

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